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New claims 12-22 define a method for executing a common task in a clustered computing environment. Support for the new claims may be found for example in par. 3 and 4 on pages 1-2 of the disclosure, which describe a plurality of interconnected individual computers working together on a common storage medium.

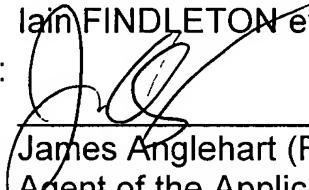
Claims 12-22 are believed to be fully supported by the disclosure and no new matter is being introduced herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present application is in good order for allowance, and early consideration to that end is accordingly courteously solicited.

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